The Grand Prairie Genealogical Society

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"Preparing Your Shoe-Box for The Shoot"

Everyone has a shoe-box--that collection of family photos, letters, documents, diaries and other papers that help tell the story of their family. The single most important thing any family historian can do is to preserve their shoe-box for posterity. The best way to preserve these items is to digitize them and then share the files with family, and some of them with the world. The GPGS Preservation Capture Set project has the tools and the skills to create high resolution images of most of your shoe-box. This talk will tell you how to prepare your shoe-box for digitization and, this may be even more important, some things we've learned about how to properly store these treasurers. Learn how to prevent newsprint from ruining photos; how to "iron" creases in folded documents; and which scrapbooks slowly destroy your stuff. Learning a better way to get your material ready will not only save time, but also prolong the life of your treasures. I'm not an archivist but I've helped archive a lot of shoe boxes. This talk, while not exhaustive, will include valuable lessons I have learned.

Guests are always welcome.

Please note: we are back home in the newly remodeled Main Library. Meetings, 6:30-9:00 pm, in the Great Room of Grand Prairie Memorial Library, 901 Conover Drive, Grand Prairie, TX.

See http://gpgstx.org/ for more information on the society.

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